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FBI Building, Under Construction, Will Be Most Costly U.S. Structure

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The estimated cost of the new FBI headquarters, now under construction in Washington, has climbed from \$60 million to \$102.5 million over an eight-year span.

The new figure, sought in the fiscal 1971 budget of the structure the most expensive, at this point, of all U.S. government buildings.

House Office Building, which high on the front facing Penn-taken on the present budget, It will surpass the Rayburn it was completed about four

The original estimate for the FBI headquarters was made in 1962 but its price started climbing before the first contract for its 3-story substructure was awarded in November 1967.

General Services Administration, overseer of Federal constructure involves a struction, would make the FBI vast block-square hole on on schedule, a GSA spokes Pennsylvania Avenue between man said.
9th and 10th Streets NW. He sai
Construction of the above-money to

the present FBI headquarters offices and the Department of in the Justice Department, Housing and Urban Develop-

Appropriations of \$31,778,000 for design and con November 1967.
Two floors are nearly completed. The contract for the struction actually have been struction actually have been third substructure floor is ex- approved by Congress and

He said there is enough money to continue a steady ground building, eight stories work pace until action is cost close to \$100 million when sylvania Avenue across from which applies to independent

The original estimate for and 11 stories high in the ment. It is now before subcom-

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